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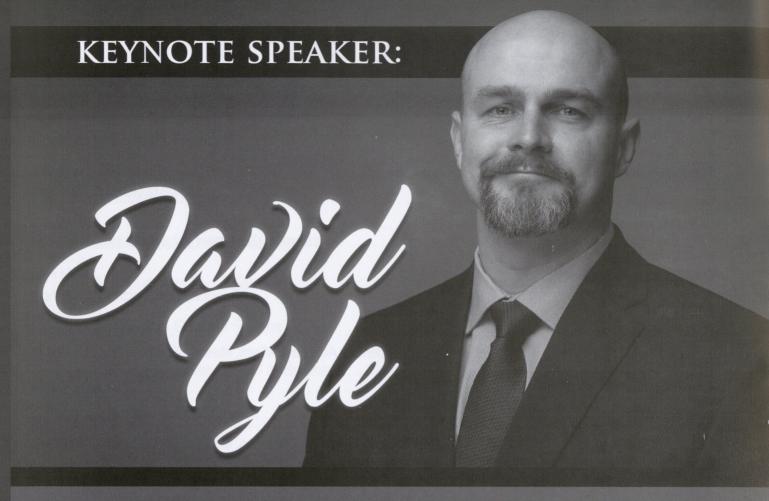
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Dr. Jeffrey Zimmerman	

PRESENTATION OF BACCALAUREATE AND ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Dean, The Robert W. Plaster School of Business, Missouri Southern State University

Conferring of Bachelor and Associate Degre	es
Presentation of Diplomas	Platform Party
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	Missouri Southern Wind Ensemble
Sign Language Interpreter	Mary Zustiak



A fear of failure can keep us from experiences that might serve as valuable teaching moments, says David Pyle.

"We often have reluctance to put ourselves into situations where we might be criticized or are afraid we're going to fail," he says. "But those experiences are sometimes what contribute to our ultimate success. We can gain more by attempting something than by holding back and not trying in the first place."

Any specific examples?

"The fear of public speaking, for instance," he says with a laugh.

Pyle, the principal of Carl Junction High School, was selected to serve as the keynote speaker for the 71st commencement ceremony at Missouri Southern State University.

He earned his bachelor of science degree in education from Missouri Southern in 1997, and also holds master of science and specialist degrees in educational leadership. He's currently wrapping up his doctoral dissertation at Southwest Baptist University.

He taught science for eight years at Golden City High School, Neosho High School and Carl Junction, and also spent seven summers teaching in the Crowder College Upward Bound program. After serving as assistant principal of Carl Junction High School for five years, he was promoted to principal in 2010.

In 2016, the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals (MoASSP) named him as High School Principal of the Year. He was selected for the honor from more than 600 high-school principals around the state based on his impact in the areas of collaborative leadership, curriculum, instruction, assessment and personalization of the learning environment.

"One of the first words that comes to mind is 'humbling," says Pyle. "It's not a recognition I expected to receive, and it's something I definitely attribute not to my own work but all the great work by the people around me. It is a recognition of the efforts of our teachers and other school leaders who work together each day, not me as an individual."

That collective effort was recognized again in 2017, when Carl Junction assistant principal Theresa Wilson was named Assistant Principal of the Year by MoASSP.

"We can do so much more working together toward a common goal than we can individually," says Pyle. "That's what makes those recognitions happen."

Pyle is an active member of MoASSP and currently serves as a membership and advocacy representative. He and his wife, Jill – a Missouri Southern graduate who serves as an adjunct faculty member in the Dental Hygiene Department – have been married for 23 years. They have two adult children, Dylan and Lily.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT

Antonucci-Hay, Cecelia Carmen

Human Resource Management Neosho

Breidenstein, Desiree

General Management Joplin

Cotten, Belinda

General Management Joplin

Davidson, Shirley Ann

Human Resource Management Neosho

Flanigan, Mary M.

Human Resource Management Joplin

Genisio, Sherry Jo Ann

General Management Joplin

Hicks, Ronald Taylor

Human Resource Management Joplin

Holland, Shelley Lynn

Human Resource Management Webb City

Smith, Briana R.

Human Resource Management Joplin

Tilton, Kendra

Human Resource Management Webb City

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Arnold, Elizabeth AnnCurriculum and Instruction
Oronogo

Morley, Felicia K.

Curriculum and Instruction Joplin

Richardson, George Edward

English Language Learner K-12 Joplin

COOPERATIVE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Missouri Southern State University/Southeast Missouri State University

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Bollinger, Bobby J.Criminal Justice
Scott City

CANDIDATES FOR HONORS AND DEGREES

Latin Honors are earned by completing all hours of the junior and senior years in residence at Missouri Southern State University, with a minimum of those hours equaling 60 or more.

In addition, the cumulative GPA must be a minimum of 3.70.

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Keaton Barnes Kelsey Bartlett ‡ Abbey Catron Heather Collins Jaired Collins ‡ Brian Geier Mikayla Hand Hailey Harper

Alexandra Johnson Kahlie Jones Jaycee Lee ‡ Chioma Nwogu †

Christopher Raymond Morgan Robertson Katie Skelton ‡ Avery Tanner ‡

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Caleb Albright Caitlyn Baker Evelina Cabrera Cydney Churchwell Cynthia Dominguez Ashley Elliott Samuel Goddard Matthew Gruenberg Andrea Holderman Jenny Kaiser Jocelyn Lechuga Morgan Makeeff Makenzie Paden Bailey Rexford Andrew Robinson Kaitlyn Spencer Peter Thompson Jennifer Worley

CUM LAUDE

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Melinda Blankenship Jordan Blythe Kristian Brennon Cayley Conrad † Jordyn Hicke David Irvine Jessica Marquez Ashley Nicholson Katie Pape Rachael Polen Jennifer Powers Hayden Rogler Hayley Sirmon Laura Switzer Hailey Wilson

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

FIRST HONORS

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Keaton Barnes
Jaired Collins ‡
Hailey Harper
Kahlie Jones
Jaycee Lee ‡
Abby Parsons
Christopher Raymond

SECOND HONORS

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Caleb Albright
Evelina Cabrera
Andrew Robinson

THIRD HONORS

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

David Irvine Corbin Osburn

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Bartlett, Rachel Lee Anna International Studies

Miami, OK

Bekemeier, Natalie Shea

Music

Mount Vernon

Blankenship, Melinda Carol

Sociology Joplin

Daniels, Sarah Kay

Sociology Joplin

Douglas, Shelby Lynn Marie

Sociology Nuevo, CA Garcia, Naveli

International Studies Rogers, AR

Garcia Ceron, Roberto

Spanish

Rogers, AR

Kerns, Jesse Wayne

Music Industry

Kansas City

Kitchens, Amy Nareese

English-Literary Studies Glenpool, OK

Lambert, Zachary Paul

Music Industry O'Fallon

Liggett, Jared Ray

Music

Pierce City

Makeeff, Morgan Danielle

Spanish

Carthage

Marshall, Makenzie Lynn

English-Creative Writing Joplin

Maturino, Missael

Spanish Carthage

Nabors, Dusti Mae Cheyenne

Communication-Mass. Communication-Public Relations Joplin

Randol, Brian Ray

Music Industry Grove, OK

Still. Alexandra Jessie

Communication-Mass Monett

Thomas, Shay Lorraine Ann

Art-Visual

El Dorado Springs

Vann, Hannah Romaine

International Studies Joplin

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Humphreys, Lydia Ruth

Fine Arts-Studio Joplin

Lechuga, Jocelyn Villarreal

Fine Arts-Studio Anaheim, CA

Moe, Shelby Katelyn

Fine Arts-Studio Joplin

Paden, Makenzie Breanne

Fine Arts-Studio Joplin

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Carthage

Adamson, Cydney Regan

Biology Carthage

Albright, Caleb Alan Eugene

Criminal Justice Administration Granby

Alcorn, Siara Reede

Sociology Willow Springs

Andrews, Hannah Lynne

Biology Joplin

Andrews, Jonathon J.

Criminal Justice Administration Webb City

Austin, Garrett

Geography Overland Park, KS

Baker, Caitlyn Ruth

Sociology Joplin

Barnes, Keaton Lynn

Criminal Justice Administration Carl Junction

Beckwith, Jeffrey Alan

Environmental Health and Safety Farmington, NM

Bogan, Annette Renay

Criminal Justice Administration Fort Scott, KS

Boman, Deran Jeffrey

Criminal Justice Administration Carterville

Bounous, Reese Kennedy

Biology Verona

Braun, Kenneth

Criminal Justice Administration Joplin

Broady, Lindsey Nicole

Biology Webb City Cabrera, Evelina Margarita Criminal Justice Administration

Cameron, Cassandra Kaye

Criminal Justice Administration Aurora

Collins, Jaired Ramirez ‡

Computational Math/CIS-Math Joplin

Conrad, Cayley Justine †

Biology Joplin

Conway, Lexis Kay

Communication-Public Relations Webb City

Cookinham, Joshua Paul

Criminal Justice Administration Rogers, AR

Davenport, Dayanaira Elise

Communication-Public Relations Tulsa, OK

Davis, Bryan Allan

Mathematics Neosho

Diaz, Karla Patricia

Criminal Justice Administration Fort Smith, AR

Elliott, Ashley Suzanne

Sociology Joplin

Ellis, Trenton Wesley Allen

Biology Anderson

Ely, Kevin Sayre

Criminal Justice Administration Chevenne, WY

Fredrickson, Kimberly Ann

Criminal Justice Administration Joplin

Garcia, Rene

Criminal Justice Administration Springdale, AR

* May or July Graduate

Gilbert, Karsten Brooks

Communication-Public Relations Tulsa, OK

Gilmore, Dakota Lee

Criminal Justice Administration Joplin

Gilstrap, Kendall Brooke

Biology Joplin

Graham, Khaled M.

Criminal Justice Administration/ **CIS-Computer Forensics** Joplin

Hardiman, Savannah Geneva

Sociology

Baxter Springs, KS

Harper, Hailey Aniesá

Criminal Justice Administration Joplin

Henson, Cody Ray

Criminal Justice Administration Spavinaw, OK

Hicke, Jordyn Ashleigh

Environmental Health and Safety Burlington, IA

Hook, lan V.

Communication-Mass Blue Springs

Huskey, Sophia Louise

Biology Oak Grove, AR

Irvine, David Michael

Criminal Justice Administration/ **CIS-Computer Forensics** Neosho

Ishmael, Brooke Anne

Biology Sand Springs, OK

Jackson, Taylor Marie

Biology Lamar

Jenkins, Emily Louise

Criminal Justice Administration/ **CIS-Computer Forensics** Jefferson City

Jimenez, Nicholas M.

Criminal Justice Administration Carl Junction

Kaiser, Jenny Suzanne

Biology Pierce City

Kemper, Jack William

Criminal Justice Administration Des Peres

Kincaid, Chris

Criminal Justice Administration/ **CIS-Computer Forensics** Springfield

Kinder, Whitney Lynne Biology Joplin

Knoblauch, Zachary Kurt Carl Junction

Kross, Mike William

Biology Netherlands

Lamb, Dakota Ray

Criminal Justice Administration Fort Scott, KS

Langley, Nicole Michelle

Criminal Justice Administration Weatherford, TX

Lavite, Matteo Giuseppe

Criminal Justice Administration Anderson

Lee, Jaycee Lynn ±

Criminal Justice Administration Aurora

Lee, Mai Kao

Biology Fairview

Lee, Paulette Danielle

Criminal Justice Administration Quapaw, OK

Lopez Martinez, Carmen R.

Criminal Justice Administration Hermitage

McBride, Morgan L.

Biology Raymore

McGaugh, Taylor Nicole

Environmental Health and Safety Joplin

McKenzie, Ian N.

Criminal Justice Administration Kissimmee, FL

Marquez-Johnson, Michele Elizabeth

Criminal Justice Administration Joplin

Medina Ramos, Ingrid Estela

Criminal Justice Administration Milan

Merriott, Tyler Sidney

Political Science Lebanon

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Michaleski, Nathan Scott

Environmental Health and Safety Carthage

Nguyen, James Truong Son Computational Math/CIS-Math Webb City

North, Hailey Marie Criminal Justice Administration

Joplin

Osburn, Corbin David Criminal Justice Administration Tulsa, OK

Potts, Stormi Winter Criminal Justice Administration

Raymond, Christopher Lee Criminal Justice Administration Lockwood

Rhodenbaugh, Jesse Spencer Criminal Justice Administration Joplin

Rios. Joel Bernard

Criminal Justice Administration Webb City

Robinson, Andrew Charles Computational Math/CIS-Math Carthage

Robinson, Charlie

Biology Ferrelview

Shyers, Hanna Leann

Criminal Justice Administration Miami, OK

Skelton, Katie Therese ‡

Biology Ash Grove

Smith, G. Alan

Environmental Health and Safety Joplin

Smith, Melinda Sue

Mathematics Arkansas City, KS

Solis, Linda Katherine

Criminal Justice Administration Rogers, AR

Sollars, Anthony William

Criminal Justice Administration Kirksville

Southwick, Benjamin Lee

Carthage

Spencer, Kaitlyn Marie Biology Joplin

Spicer, Preston Scott

Biology Carl Junction

Stokes, Shanin Marie

Biology Galena, KS

Taylor, Jackson Don

Political Science Douglass, KS

Taylor, Megan Renee

Biology La Russell

Thomas, La Shell Marie

Environmental Health and Safety Miami, OK

Tuggle, Addison Lynn

Biology Joplin

Udulutch, Justin G.

Criminal Justice Administration Joplin

Vaughan, Trey Landon

Communication-Mass Nowata, OK

Wammack, India Nicole

Criminal Justice Administration Joplin

Wheeler, Patrick Louis

Communication-Mass Aurora

White, Joshua D.

Criminal Justice Administration Witter, AR

Zamanzadeh, Nima

Biology Joplin

Zeyn, Erica Lindsey

Political Science Joplin

Mathematics

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Law Enforcement Des Peres

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Lavite, Matteo Giuseppe

Law Enforcement Anderson

Lee, Jaycee Lynn ‡

Law Enforcement Aurora

Lee, Paulette Danielle

Law Enforcement Quapaw, OK

Lopez Martinez, Carmen R.

Law Enforcement

Hermitage

McKenzie, lan N.

Law Enforcement

Kissimmee, FL

Marquez-Johnson, Michele Elizabeth

Law Enforcement

Joplin

Medina Ramos, Ingrid Estela

Law Enforcement

Milan

North, Hailey Marie

Law Enforcement

Joplin

Osburn, Corbin David

Law Enforcement

Tulsa, OK

Parsons, Abby Shaye

Law Enforcement

Purdy

Potts, Stormi Winter

Law Enforcement

Joplin

Raymond, Christopher Lee

Law Enforcement

Lockwood

Rhodenbaugh, Jesse Spencer

Law Enforcement

Joplin

Rios, Joel Bernard

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Solis, Linda Katherine

Law Enforcement

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Law Enforcement

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Geier, Brian James

General Studies Joplin

Holley, Erron Imariou

General Studies
Blue Springs

Hughes, Jr., Haywood

General Studies Malvern, AR

Jackson, Jarrell Malik Lloyd

General Studies Marrero, LA

Jarrett, Thomas Michael

General Studies Neosho

Jones, Mickey L.

General Studies Walker Kingcade, Kenneth Charles

General Studies Joplin

Long, Shannon Nicole

General Studies
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McElroy, Teia Mari

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Murphy, J. P.

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Norvell, Shelby Wilson

General Studies
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General Studies Grove, OK

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Queen, Amy C.

General Studies Webb City

Salas, Alejandra

General Studies Monett

Schrag, Brianna Rose-Lynn

General Studies Rose Hill, KS

Schuler, Candace Le Ann

General Studies Goodman Self, Donna LaVonne

General Studies Joplin

Smith, Madyson P.

General Studies Sapulpa, OK

Smith, Melanie Nicole

General Studies Neosho

Sohosky, Katherine Rae

General Studies
Joplin

Sullivan, Anna Hope

General Studies Owensville

Summers, Dimitra Ann

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Sutten, Tiffany Diane

General Studies Webb City

Tanner, Avery Nicole ‡

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Tarter, Emily

General Studies Joplin

Tavernaro, Trista Leanne

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General Studies Anderson

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General Studies Springfield

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General Studies Nevada Wallace, Amanda Rachelle

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General Studies Raymore

Wert, Tina

General Studies Goodman

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Fairview

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Joplin

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CIS-Information Technology Webb City

Collins, Jaired Ramirez ‡

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Dobbins, Tyler D.

Logistics Joplin Eldred, Ailan Roan

CIS-Information Technology Joplin

Faulkner, Trystan Jeine

Logistics Noel

Frencken, Colton Eugene

CIS-Information Technology Neosho

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CIS-Computer Forensics/Criminal Justice Administration Joplin

Irvine, David Michael

CIS-Computer Forensics/Criminal Justice Administration Neosho

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Jones, Kahlie Elizabeth

CIS-Information Technology Carthage Jones, Sarah Kirsty

Logistics Oronogo

Kennerly, Christopher

Edward Robin

Industrial Engineering Technology Carthage

Kent, Stanton Mayer

Economics Spring, TX

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Kolkmeyer, Dalton Adam

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Leach, John Travers

Logistics Diamond

Nasiruddin, Nizar

CIS-Information Technology Pakistan

Nguyen, James Truong Son CIS-Math/Computational Math Webb City

Nollner, Curtis M.

CIS-Information Technology Joplin

Robinson, Andrew Charles

CIS-Math/Computational Math Carthage

Saleh, Mahmoud

CIS-Information Technology Egypt

Sansom, Johnathan K.

CIS-Information Systems Joplin

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Adams, Calin Blake

Management Neosho

Anders, Whitney Allison Page

Accounting Neosho

Andreatta, Robert Lee

Management, Human Resource Management Bentonville, AR

Bailey, Mary Jane

Accounting Ava

Bartlett, Kelsey Lanae ‡

General Business Lockwood Bechtel, Liberty Eden

Marketing Joplin

Belcher, Silas Ross

Marketing Carl Junction

Black, Brett T.

Management, Human Resource Management Neosho

Blake, Amber N.

Management, Human Resource Management Lampe

Blankenship, Tina Anne

Management Joplin Boling, Hannah Zhi-Dan

Marketing Macon

Boos, Jonathan Wayne

Accounting Peculiar

Bradshaw, Leah Kathleen ‡

Marketing Monett

Brennon, Kristian Danielle

Finance Fort Scott, KS

Canterbury, Cory A.

Marketing Wentzville Chappel, Kergan Blake

Accounting Carl Junction

Chelf, Victoria L. *

Accounting Portsmouth, RI

Collins. Heather L.

Management, Human Resource Management Webb City

Cowles, Stacy A.

Human Resource Management Kirbyville

Craig, Colton Brice

Marketing, Management, Human Resource Management Webb City **Crider, Ethan Ray** International Business, Marketing Webb City

Daggett, Leigha Paige

Finance Carl Junction

Davis, Sara Marie Imhof

Management, Human Resource Management Galena, KS

Dawson, Kirt

Accounting
British Virgin Islands

Dominguez, Cynthia Marie

Accounting Carl Junction

Dry, Deborah Lynn

Marketing Joplin

Duda, Theresa Ann

Accounting Webb City

Enoch, Desiree Jette

Marketing Springfield, OH

Farrales, Tracy Dawn

Accounting Nevada

Fehring, Alec David ‡

Accounting Neosho

Forte, Reed Nicholas

Finance Texarkana, AR

Gilstrap, Tiffany Lynn

Accounting Carl Junction

Gomez, Araceli Gomez

Management, Human Resource Management Berryville, AR

Gorham, Hannah M.

Marketing, Human Resource Management Joplin

Gruenberg, Matthew Bryan

Accounting Joplin

Haskins, Taylor Nicole

Marketing Carthage

Hawkins, Thomas Aaron

Marketing, Management Lee's Summit

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Hill, Brooke Sierra

General Business Olathe, KS

Hilton, Samuel Keane

Finance Carthage

Holt, Leandra Renea

Management Centerton, AR

Ipsen, Amy Lea

Finance Joplin

Jacobs, Fredrena A.

Finance

British Virgin Islands

Jeffrey, Sandi C.

Management, Human Resource Management British Virgin Islands

Jeffries, Jordan Nicole

Management, Human Resource Management Webb City

Joel, Peter A.

Marketing Springdale, AR

Johnson, Tyler B.

Accounting Neosho

Jump, Kelsey Joann

Accounting Parsons, KS

Kervian, Tyler Robert

Accounting Joplin

Lancaster, Sara Elizabeth

Human Resource Management Kansas City, KS Landrum, Dustin Keith

Marketing Joplin

Lane, Paige Danielle

General Business Stella

Lindberg, Brandon Lee

Management, Human Resource Management Neohso

Loveland, Colton Bradley

Management, Human Resource Management Carthage

Lozano-Torres, LeaAnnette

Management, Human Resource Management Alleyton, TX

McCorkle, Josie Layne

Marketing Carl Junction

McGinnis, Shelby Lynn

International Business, Marketing Mannford, OK

Macy, Kelsie Dawn

Accounting Carthage

Markley, Kathrine A.

General Business Weir, KS

Marshall, Tanner Charles

Finance Purdy

Martinez, Anthony Cortez

Marketing, Management Lee's Summit

Mejia, Ashley Nicole

Management, Human Resource Management Jasper

Montano, Janette

Management Joplin

Moore, Samantha Jo

Human Resource Management Seneca

Morrow, Latice R.

Management, Human Resource Management Chicago, IL Moser, Bryce Stephen Management Joplin

Murphy, Lynn Marie

Marketing Fayetteville, AR

Nwogu, Chioma C. †

Finance Nigeria

Ogle, Lynn Marie

Human Resource Management Joplin

Padgett, Caleb Allen

Marketing Edwards

Pape, Katie Nicole

Marketing

Broken Arrow, OK

Parkison, William L.

General Business Baxter Springs, KS

Petersen, Jordan Alex

Accounting Carl Junction

Peterson, Kelly Anne

Management Neosho

Plank, Brandon A.

Accounting Lamar

Plybon, Jacqualine Kendall

Management, Human Resource Management Wentworth

Polen, Rachael Anne

Accounting Saginaw

Powers, Jennifer N.

Human Resource Management Webb City

Presley, Hollis Virginia

Marketing Springfield

Robbins, Kelsi Ann

General Business Neosho

Ryan, Nathan Lynn

Human Resource Management Webb City

Salas, David Marketing, Management Noel

Saye, Briar Aaron Accounting

Dennis, KS

Schrader, Christian N.

General Business Wyandotte, OK

Sirmon, Hayley Michelle Management

Joplin

Smith, Nadeia Patricia **Human Resource Management** British Virgin Islands

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Staples, Brenna Renae Management, Human Resource Management Sarcoxie

Stevens, Jedidiah David Management Carthage

Sweet, Ginger Dawn Human Resource Management Carl Junction

Switzer, Laura A. Management, Human Resource Management Joplin

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Thrasher, Courtney Renee Marketing, Management Aurora

Tiberghien, Danny W. Management, Human Resource Management Hopkinsville, KY

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VanHorn, Joseph Benjamin Management, Human Resource Management Webb City

Vanstavern, Nyssa Deane Management, Human Resource Management Joplin

Wallsmith, Emmalee Kathryn Marketing, Management Carthage

Webster, Vanessa Mychele Management Carthage

Williams, Michael Marketing, Management Rogers, AR

Wilson, Hailey Marie Marketing, Management, Human

Resource Management Pleasant Hill

Yang, Lyda Nubci Management, Human Resource Management Exeter

Young, Tiffany Jane Management Versailles

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Almubarak, Wasel A. Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Saudi Arabia

Arguello, Silvio Alejandro Manufacturing Engineering Technology Joplin

Biggs, Daniel William Manufacturing Engineering Technology O'Fallon

Blockburger, Bryce William Manufacturing Engineering Technology Fairland, OK

Cantu, Raul D. **CIS-Information Systems** Webb City

Collins, Jaired Ramirez ‡ **CIS-Information Systems** Joplin

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Crahan, Tommy Lee Manufacturing Engineering Technology Carthage

Curtiss, Thomas Pae CIS-Information Systems Joplin

Doyle, Nathan A. Manufacturing Engineering Technology Joplin

Graham, Khaled M. **CIS-Information Systems** Joplin

Gray, Tabitha Beverly Manufacturing Engineering Technology Joplin

Hamiti, Liburna Manufacturing Engineering Technology **Joplin**

Irvine, David Michael **CIS-Information Systems** Neosho

Jenkins, Emily Louise CIS-Information Systems Jefferson City

Jones, Kahlie Elizabeth **CIS-Information Systems** Carthage

Jones, Sarah Kirsty **CIS-Information Systems** Oronogo

Kent, Joshua Alan Manufacturing Engineering Technology Reeds Spring

Kincaid, Chris **CIS-Information Systems** Springfield

Kolkmeyer, Dalton Adam **CIS-Information Systems** Joplin

Lancaster, Tina Marie Manufacturing Engineering Technology Quapaw, OK

Nasiruddin, Nizar **CIS-Information Systems** Pakistan

Nguyen, James Truong Son **CIS-Information Systems** Webb City

Owen, Mackenzie Edward **CIS-Information Systems** Joplin

Robinson, Andrew Charles **CIS-Information Systems** Carthage

Rodriguez, Frank Javier Manufacturing Engineering Technology **Joplin**

Saleh, Mahmoud **CIS-Information Systems** Egypt

Sparnicht, Brian Scott Manufacturing Engineering Technology Goodman

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Garibay, Alfredo Psychology Carthage

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Benjelloun, Sydnie Leanne Psychology Seneca

Blankenship, Sheryl Kay Psychology Joplin

Cherryholmes, Evan L. Psychology Joplin

Churchwell, Cydney Marie Psychology Joplin Finch, Katlyn Psychology Joplin

Hand, Mikayla Nicole Psychology Webb City

Jones, Logan EdwardPsychology
Sarcoxie

Murray, Lindsey Renee Health Promotion and Wellness Joplin **Neuhoff, Cheyenne B.** Psychology Joplin

Nicholson, Ashley Paige Psychology Joplin

Noll, Cortney Lynn Health Promotion and Wellness Aurora

Owens, Rosary Alaynea Marie Psychology Joplin Raymond, Christopher Lee Health Promotion and Wellness Lockwood

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Barahona, Jennifer

Elementary Education Los Angeles, CA

Bratcher, Emily Nichole

Elementary Education-Special Education
Carl Junction

Brown, Jennifer Anne

Elementary Education-Special Education Phoenix, AZ

Cason, Kaleb D.

K-12 Education-Physical Education Springfield

Catron, Abbey Kay Elementary Education

Carthage

Gerard, Gwendolyn K.Middle School Education-Language Arts
Miami, OK Goddard, Samuel Lewis

Secondary Education-Social Science/History Webb City

Gooden, Melissa Evelyn

Elementary Education Harwood

Haikey, Nathan P.

Secondary Education-Social and Political Science Bella Vista, AR

Hasemeier, Sarah Jaine

Secondary Education-Biology Webb City

Hernandez, Darby

Elementary Education-TESOL Webb City

Holderman, Andrea Elizabeth

Elementary Education-Special Education
Webb City

Hutcheson, Amanda K.

Middle School Education-Math Carthage

Jennings, Ryan Paul

Secondary Education-Biology Aurora

Johnson, Alexandra D.

K-12 Education-Spanish Rockville

Kohrs, Samuel Scott

Elementary Education-TESOL Saint Charles

Lant, Lauren L.

Secondary Education-English Goodman

Leroy, Chelsie Shiane

Secondary Education-Speech and Theater Seligman

Marquez, Jessica

Middle School Education-Math Carthage Plybon, Kelsey A.

Secondary Education-English Wentworth

Radcliff, Brittany Renee

Elementary Education Carthage

Rexford, Bailey Jean

Elementary Education Urich

Robertson, Morgan Marie

Elementary Education Fort Scott, KS

Rogler, Hayden Kincaid

Middle School Education-Math Carthage

Schmidt, Leah Richelle

Elementary Education-Special Education Greenwood

Sexson, Kelsey Katelynn

Elementary Education-Special Education Goodman

Terrillion, Taela Wintr

Secondary Education-English Elko, NV

Torres, Cynthia

Secondary Education-English Mexico

Trevino, Amanda Josephine

Secondary Education-Social Science/History Neosho

Trotter, Sarah Grace

Elementary Education-Special Education
Joplin

Wilson, Raemon Clayton

K-12 Education-Instrumental Bahamas

Yang, Christina

Elementary Education Fairview

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Agnew, Jonesha Jena

Health Science-Dental Hygiene Caruthersville

Blackburn, Kimberly Lynn

Health Science-Dental Hygiene Carthage

Blythe, Jordan Allen

Health Science-Respiratory Therapy Grove, OK

Bunch, Wanda Dawn

Health Science-Respiratory Therapy Broken Arrow, OK

Cosgrove, Kathryn Leah

Health Science-Paramedic Neosho

Davis, Paige Danielle

Health Science-Respiratory Therapy Camdenton

Day, Nathanael Levi

Health Science-Paramedic Cherryvale, KS

Dugan, Makayla Dawn

Health Science-Business Life Riverton, KS

Edwards, Sarah Elizabeth

Health Science-Dental Hygiene Little Rock, AR

Figueroa, Jessica Jeanette

Health Science-Business Life Bella Vista, AR

Freeze, Madisyn Jo

Health Science-Dental Hygiene Walnut Grove

Fritchey, Bruce Cole

Health Science-Paramedic Loma Linda

Hagins, Maggie K.

Health Science-Business Life Carthage

Hay, Aubrey Hill

Health Science-Business Life Warner Robins, GA

Hogenmiller, Brooke L.

Health Science-Dental Hygiene Saint Louis

Hurn, Devin Owen

Health Science-Respiratory Therapy Carl Junction

Jackson, Billie Elizabeth

Health Science-Business Life Galena, KS

Justice, Katie Lynn

Health Science-Dental Hygiene Dexter

Keith, Justise Taylor

Health Science-Business Life Columbia

Lampkin, Breanna Nicole

Health Science-Business Life Washington

Majrashi, Mohammed Hassan

Health Science-Business Life Saudi Arabia

Mense, Tonya Rachell

Health Science-Respiratory Therapy Washington

Pena, Mark Anthony

Health Science-Respiratory Therapy Kansas City

Povarich, Alina

Health Science-Radiologic Technology Fenton

Snider, Jessica Lynn

Health Science-Dental Hygiene Dexter

Sullivan, Kim Insco

Health Science-Dental Hygiene Prairie Grove, AR

Vann, Jessica LeAnn

Health Science-Business Life Webb City

Wadsworth, Julianna

Health Science-Business Life Darien, IL

White, Candice L.

Health Science-Dental Hygiene Mountain Grove

Wilson, Travis Lynn

Health Science-Paramedic Normal, IL

Worley, Jennifer Dianna

Health Science-Respiratory Therapy Blue Springs



graduates who have studied **Abroad**

As provided by the Institute of International Studies.

Students who received MSSU academic credit for studying abroad through an MSSU-sponsored or recognized program are wearing a sash today representing the country or countries where they studied. Since 1995, MSSU has sent more than 3,400 students abroad to reflect its statewide mission in global education.

Arnold, Elizabeth Sweden

Bartlett, Rachel Germany

Bounous, Reese Italy

Conrad, Cayley Italy

Crider, Ethan Germany

Davenport, Dayanaira France

Garcia, Nayeli Spain

Gass, Riley United Kingdom

Gilbert, Karsten France

Humphreys, Lydia Sweden

Irvine, David United Kingdom

Jenkins, Emily United Kingdom

Kaiser, Jenny Italy

Kross, Mike Estonia, Finland, Sweden Lant, Lauren South Korea

Liggett, JaredEstonia, Finland, Sweden

McGinnis, Shelby China

Makeeff, Morgan Spain

Michaleski, Nathan Austria

Moe, Shelby Sweden

Nguyen, James South Korea

Nicholson, Ashley Belize

Paden, Makenzie South Korea

Pape, Katie United Kingdom

Thomas, Shay Japan, Sweden

Vann, Hannah Japan

Wilson, Hailey Canada

POINTS OF PUICE



NIXON HALL CONTINUES TO TAKE SHAPE

The new home for the mathematics program at MSSU grew at an exponential pace during the fall semester.

The steel skeleton for the three-story Nixon Hall and the skywalk connecting it to Reynolds Hall quickly took shape as crews from Crossland Construction continued work ahead of the building's projected Spring 2019 opening.

The skywalk will provide plenty of natural light for students making their way to and from classes, as will the atrium, which will extend all the way to the building's third story.

YOURS TO LOSE WELCOMES NEW COHORT OF PRE-MED STUDENTS

The start of the Fall 2018 semester brought with it the second cohort for the Yours to Lose – Advanced Medical School Acceptance Program, who were welcomed to the start of their journey with a special Green Coat Ceremony.

"Being a doctor is one of the most rewarding and valued professions in our society," said Dr. Marsi Archer, dean of the School of Arts & Sciences. "You are about to embark on the first step of your journey into the medical field. We're proud of you and thrilled to have you here at Missouri Southern."

The future med-school students will face a challenging curriculum as they work to earn their bachelor's in biology in an accelerated three-year program, before making a seamless transition to Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences' Joplin campus.



LION CO-OP FOOD PANTRY ADDRESSING HUNGER ISSUES

A campus food pantry called the Lion Co-Op is providing assistance to MSSU students who are dealing with food insecurity. Housed inside the

FEMA shelter, the pantry provides food and personal items to MSSU students in need.

Dr. Renee White, chair of the Social Work Department, said the pantry went from an idea to a reality in just a few short months.

"This has been nothing short of extraordinary," said White. "Last spring, several entities on campus were noticing a growing trend of hunger and its side effects. By late July, three faculty members – Dr. Andrea Cullers, Dr. Megan Bever and I – came together to answer the question 'What can the MOSO family do to alleviate hunger?' From that question, the Lion Co-Op was born."

Social work students also played a role in the project coming to fruition. Their research showed that many students were making hard choices about how to spend their limited resources.

"The outpouring of support, both here on campus and within the Joplin community, has been remarkable," said White. "In my 35 years of professional social work, I have never seen such immediate understanding and support of a social issue. It's truly inspiring to be a part of this effort."

GILBERT-SAUNDERS RECEIVES 2018 EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD



Dr. Lynell Gilbert-Saunders, an associate professor of chemistry at Missouri Southern State University, is the recipient of the 2018 Governor's Award for Excellence in Education.

The award is presented to an outstanding faculty member from each participating higher education institution in the state. It's based on effective teaching, effective

advising, service to the university community, commitment to high standards of excellence and success in nurturing student achievement.

Gilbert-Saunders received her bachelor's degree in chemistry from Missouri Southern in 1998. She received her Ph.D. from Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, and was hired at Missouri Southern in 2006.

"It was like coming home again, but in a different way," she says. "I feel like I'm able to carry on a tradition that was very special and influential to me.



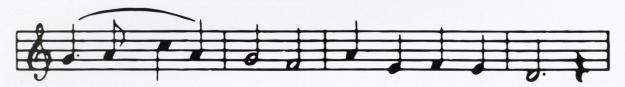
Words by Mary Laird, Class of '39 Music by Emerson Jackson, Class of '39



Our Al-ma Ma - ter, we ho-nor thee,



shap-ing and guid - ing our de-sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.



Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.



As early as the 12th century, the first modern universities – at Bologna and Paris – were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear blue gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's degrees. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and

of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The cooperative masters's degree hoods represented in MSSU ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions.

Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

Accountancy, Business and Commerce: Drab

Arts, Letters, Humanities: White • Education: Light Blue
Fine Arts: Brown • Journalism: Crimson

Library Science: Lemon Yellow • Law: Purple

Music: Pink • Nursing: Apricot • Philosophy: Dark Blue

Physical Education: Sage Green • Science: Golden Yellow

Theology: Scarlet

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Alpha Chi: Gold

Athletics: Green and Gold

Criminal Justice Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma: Blue and Gold

Dental Hygiene Honor Society, Sigma Phi Alpha: Purple and Gold

Education Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi: Purple and Green

Freshman Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma: Black and Gold

Honors Program: Green

International English Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta: Black and Red

International Honor Society in Business, Delta Mu Delta: Braided Gold and Purple

International Honor Society in Economics, Omicron Delta Epsilon: Braided Gold and Blue

International Honor Society in Psychology, Psi Chi: Braided Platinum and Dark Blue

National History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta: Blood Red and Sky Blue

National Leadership Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa: Braided Blue, Black and White

National Physics Honor Society, Sigma Pi Sigma: Dark Green and White

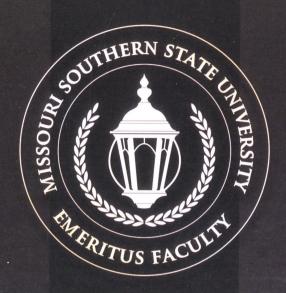
Nursing Honor Society: Apricot

Respiratory Therapy Honor Society, Lambda Beta: Navy Blue and Green

Social Work Honor Society, Phi Alpha: Blue and Gold

Theatre Honor Society, Alpha Psi Omega: Antique Gold and Light Blue

Veterans: Red, White and Blue



1973 - 1974

Harry Gockel*
History & Geography

Martha Ann McCormick*
Mathematics

1976 - 1977

Dorothy Stone*
Business Administration

1978 - 1980

Lloyd Dryer* Psychology

Cleetis Headlee*
English & Philosophy

1980 - 1981

Fred Cinotto*
Administrative Assistant

1983 - 1985

Julie Hughes*
Social Sciences (History)

Grace C. Mitchell*
English & Philosophy

1985 - 1987

Enid Blevins*
English & Philosophy

1995 - 1996

Loretta Frazier* Head Librarian

1999 - 2001

J. Merrell Junkins
Psychology

Gail Renner* Social Sciences (History)

2002 - 2004

Duane L. Hunt Theater

Richard Massa Communication

2008 - 2010

Julio S. León Business

2010 - 2012

Betsy Griffin Psychology

Virginia Laas Social Sciences (History)

> William Livingston Mathematics

Melvyn Mosher* Chemical & Physical Sciences

2011 - 2012

Jim Jackson
Biology & Environmental Health

2012 - 2013

John Messick Biology & Environmental Health

2013 - 2014

Sam Claussen Theater

2014 - 2015

Art Saltzman* English & Philosophy

2015 - 2016

Al Cade*
Teacher Education

Patsy Lipira Kinesiology

2016 - 2017

Theresa Agee
Business

Grace Ayton Nursing

Beverly Block
Business

Al Carnine Music

Jim Gray Business

Patricia Murphy English & Philosophy

> John Tiede Accounting

2017 - 2018

Jack Spurlin
Criminal Justice

Deborah BrownTeacher Education

2018 - 2019

Laura Adkins Mathematics

J. Larry Martin Mathematics